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TDLR releases new list of revoked licenses Complete TDLR list available online

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) has released the newest list of people who are no longer authorized to perform or offer to perform licensed services in Texas. This latest list includes actions TDLR has taken since January to safeguard consumers and protect public health and safety.

- A massage therapy license in Houston that was revoked and an administrative penalty of \$15,000 that was assessed for engaging in sexual contact during a session with a client (three violations).
- A massage therapy license and a massage establishment license in El Paso that were revoked and
 an administrative penalty of \$17,500 that was assessed for allowing an individual to live in the
 establishment, failing to provide a required initial consultation document to each client before the
 first session, failing to maintain a list of all employees, allowing employee to engage in sexual
 contact with a client in the establishment and employing an unlicensed individual to perform
 massage therapy.
- A massage establishment license and a massage therapy license in Dallas that were revoked and an
 administrative penalty of \$17,500 that was assessed for allowing an individual to live in the
 establishment, failing to keep accurate records of the dates of massage services, and failing to
 cooperate with the investigator in the performance of an inspection.
- A driver education school license in Flower Mound that was revoked because the school owner closed the school and its branches without notifying the department at least 15 days before the closure.

TDLR also issued a cease-and-desist order to Jimmy Simerskey of Cypress, a massage therapist and licensed massage instructor, who engaged in sexual contact during a massage therapy session.

Anyone listed on the Safeguarding Texans page is not authorized to perform, or offer to perform, licensed services in Texas. Please see https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/safeguardingconsumers.htm for additional details on each action.

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Licenses Revoked Since January

License Type	City
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	League City
Driver Education and Safety	Flower Mound
Massage Therapy	Dallas, El Paso, Houston

Cease and Desist Orders Issued Since February

License Type	City
Massage Therapy	Cypress

TDLR maintains a database so that consumers can protect themselves against using unlicensed service providers. To see ALL violations by licensees – including license revocations, suspensions, and fines – search TDLR's Administrative Orders database (https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cimsfo/fosearch.asp).

To report unlicensed activity, or if you have a complaint against a TDLR licensee, file a complaint online: https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/complaints/.

About TDLR

TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 38 business and occupational licensing programs with almost 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's <u>website</u> for more information and resources. You can search the <u>TDLR licensee database</u>, and also find <u>past violations</u> in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Mandarin.

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